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SUBJECT: KUWAITI MEDIATION BETWEEN PDRY AND ITS NEIGHBORS

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1. I ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER ON JUNE 19 IF HE SAW
ANY REAL SUBSTANCE TO REPORTED KUWAITI AGREEMENT TO
ACT AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN PDRY AND ITS NEIGHBORS. HE
SAID TALKING IS BETTER THAN NOTHING BUT THAT HE VERY
MUCH DOUBTED THAT PDRY REGIME IS PREPARED OR HAS ANY
REAL DESIRE TO CHANGE ITS WAYS ENOUGH TO MAKE IT
ACCEPTABLE TO SAUDIS, OMANIS, OR NORTH YEMENIS.

2. I RECALLED THAT PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER WAS PERSONAL
FRIEND OF FONMIN AND ASKED IF MUTI HAD STOPPED IN
BAHRAIN. FONMIN SAID NO, THAT HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH
MUTI HAD COOLED AFTER CONVERSATIONS THEY HAD HAD DURING
TUNIS FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. HE SAID HE HAD ASKED
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MUTI WHY PDRY HAD, IN EFFECT, SPURNED SAUDI OVERTURZX
RTKPRWRHRESPONDING WITH SOME CONCESSIONS AND HAD INSTEAD
ALLIED IN ARAB REGIME WITH SOVIETS. FONMIN SAID MUTI
REPLIED THAT FELLOW ARABS HAD NOT IN FACT COME TO PDRY'S
AID AND PDRY "HAD NO CHOICE" BUT TO GET HELP FROM SOVIETS.
FINMIN SAID THAT WAS A BIT TOO MUCH TO SWALLOW AND HE
HAD TAKEN MUTI TO TAKS FOR SO DISTORTING FACT OF SITUATION.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER CONTINUED THAT PRESENT LEADERS IN
ADEN DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH THEIR INTERNAL RIVALRIES AND
NOW SO TIED TO SOVIETS THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL THERE CAN BE
ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN REGIME'S ORIENTATION FOR SOME TIME.
KUWAITI EFFORT IS WORTHY, BUT, ACCORDING FONMIN, KUWAITIS
THEMSELVES DO NOT EXPECT MUCH OF ANYTHING FROM IT.
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